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Action of the Board

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consents. The Executive Secretary, in consultation with the petitioner, will decide on a plan of procedure best adapted to the particular case. The following action may be taken:

1. Calling a hearing.

When a petition is received without the necessary consents, a hearing may be called. The procedure is as follows:

- a. The Executive Secretary of the Eugenics Board requests the sheriff of the county or counties in which the individual to be sterilized and the spouse, patient, next of kin, or guardian live, to serve notice upon them of a hearing before the Eugenics Board.
- b. The sheriff delivers to the necessary parties a copy of Form No. 3, Notice of Hearing, and a certified copy of Form No. 1, Petition for Operation of Sterilization or Asexualization. These papers must be served at least twenty days in advance of the time set for the hearing.
- c. If individuals appear for the hearing, testimony is taken by the Board and information thus secured is considered along with the information submitted by the petitioner in reaching a final decision for or against the operation.
- d. Notice of the decision of the Board will be given to the petitioner immediately following the hearing.